(a) whether any exercise has been carried out in the North-East India, particularly in Assam, for ascertaining the number of Bengali speaking Muslims infiltrated into Indian territory from Bangladesh and unauthorisedly settled here;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) if not, the reason for not conducting such an exercise; and

(d) the number of foreign Nationals detected in Assam since the inception of the Illegal Migrants DT Act and how many have been deported so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) It is difficult to make a realistic estimate of the number of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh because they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local pupulation due to ethnic and linguistic similarities. However, 16 tribunals have been established under Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 for detection of illegal migrants who entered into Assam on or after 25.3.1971.

(d) 12,411 illegal migrants have been detected upto 30.11.2004 under Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983. Of this, 1549 illegal migrants were physically deported from the country.

Establishment of Naxalite base in Kerala

†234. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that naxalites are trying to establish their regime from Nepal to Kerala and they have named their mission as 'CRG';

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan's Intelligence Agency I.S.I. is helping them in the said mission; and

(c) if so, the concrete steps taken by Government to get rid of this situation completely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Prime Motive behind the expansionist designs of naxal groups together with the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) is to spread into new areas to carve out a 'Compact Revolutionary Zone' (CRZ) spreading from Nepal through Bihar and the Dandakaranya region to Andhra Pradesh. CPML-PW outfits are reported to have targeted some parts of Kerala.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) No reports suggesting Pak ISI involvement in this regard have so far come to the notice of the Government.

(c) The Central Government monitors and reviews the naxal problem regularly through the Coordination Centre and Task Force Meetings. The Government of Kerala has been advised to take preventive measures to nip the naxal problem in the bud itself.

Threat to the demography of Assam due to Infiltration

235. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that infiltrations from Bangladesh is posing a serious threat to the demography of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken for the safety and security of the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The population of all religious communities in the State of Assam has increased by 18.92% in 2001 census *vis-a-vis* the 1991 census. This increase in population cannot be attributed entirely to infiltration.

(c) Apart from measures taken to step up vigilance on the borders, which *inter alia* include strengthening of Border Guarding Forces (BGF) and equipping them with modern and sophisticated equipment/gadgets; intensification of patrolling; accelerated programme of construction of border roads and border fencing, other steps taken are modernization of State Police Forces, reimbursement of security related expenditure, deployment of Central Para-Military Forces and establishment of Unified Hqrs. in Assam and Manipur for coordinated counter insurgency operations. 16 Tribunals have also been established under Illegal migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 for detection of illegal migrants who entered into Assam on or after 25.3.1971.

Spurt in terrorist related violence in N.E.

236. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 1 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 2004 and to state:

(a) whether there was a spurt of terrorist related violence in North-East during September-October last year;